

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A robot hand apparatus which includes:

a plurality of finger mechanisms each elongates from a
5 base; and

a power source actuating each finger mechanism, the robot
hand apparatus further comprising:

a plurality of finger mechanism actuation units for
actuating each finger mechanism; and

10 a power transmission mechanism transmitting a power from
the power source to at least two of said plurality of finger
mechanisms at different timing.

2. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

15 the power source is a motor, and the finger mechanism
actuation unit is a rotation roller which connects with the
finger mechanism through a transmission unit, and

the power transmission mechanism includes:

a rotation axis which supports each rotation roller while
20 allowing the rotation of the rotation roller and is rotated by
the motor;

elastic devices, each is fixed to the rotation axis for
holding the rotation roller at a predetermined position on the
rotation axis, and wherein

25 each rotation roller rotates together with the rotation
axis when the rotation roller is held at a predetermined

position on the rotation axis by the elastic device, and wherein
the degree of the deformation of each of elastic devices
differs each other, when the finger mechanism is in a maximum
grip state or in a maximum stretch state.

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3. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 2, wherein
the transmission unit is a link mechanism.

4. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 2 or claim 3,
10 wherein

a plurality of contact-parts, each engages with and
separates from a part of the corresponding rotation roller, are
provided on the rotation axis.

15 5. A robot hand apparatus according to any one of claim 1
to claim 3, wherein

each finger mechanism is supported while allowing the
turn in an approaching-and-separating direction with regard to
the adjoining finger mechanism around a base-side section of
20 the finger mechanism.

6. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 4, wherein
each finger mechanism is supported while allowing the
turn in an approaching-and-separating direction with regard to
25 the adjoining finger mechanism around a base-side section of
the finger mechanism.

7. A robot hand apparatus according to any one of claim 1
to claim 3, wherein

the finger mechanism is held by an elastic device fixed
5 to the base, and the finger mechanism is pushed by the elastic
device in a direction apart from the adjoining finger mechanism.

8. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 4, wherein

the finger mechanism is held by an elastic device fixed
10 to the base, and the finger mechanism is pushed by the elastic
device in a direction apart from the adjoining finger mechanism.

9. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

the finger mechanism is held by an elastic device fixed
15 to the base, and the finger mechanism is pushed by the elastic
device in a direction apart from the adjoining finger mechanism.

10. A robot hand apparatus according to claim 6, wherein

the finger mechanism is held by an elastic device fixed
20 to the base, and the finger mechanism is pushed by the elastic
device in a direction apart from the adjoining finger mechanism.